

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-16. (canceled).

Claim 17. (currently amended) A method for call control in an exchange of a communication network, the method comprising the steps of:

using an information element of a signaling message for signaling between exchanges in the communication network;

embedding at least one dynamic administrative function to the call control of the exchange at predetermined locations, wherein the dynamic administrative component becomes part of the call control during the operation of the exchange;

evaluating, based on said at least one administrative function, at least one content value of the informational element contained in the signaling message; and

altering, based on said at least one dynamic administrative function, at least one content value of the informational element contained in the at least one signaling message, wherein the step of altering the content value defines-in turn alters an operational characteristic of the informational element related to the call control.

Claim 18. (currently amended) An apparatus for call control in an exchange of a communication network, comprising:

means for using an information element of a signaling message for signaling between exchanges in the communication network;

means for embedding at least one dynamic administrative function to the call control of the exchange at predetermined locations, wherein the dynamic administrative component becomes part of the call control during the operation of the exchange;

means for evaluating, based on said at least one administrative function, at least one content value of the informational element contained in the signaling message; and

means for altering, based on said at least one dynamic administrative function, at least one content value of the informational element contained in the at least one signaling message, wherein altering the content value ~~defines in turn alters~~ an operational characteristic of the informational element related to the call control.